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POSTPONEMENT.

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THE Company's Steamship "HAITAN," Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2788

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "HANGCHOW," Captain Pearce, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2792

THE SHELL TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship "ELPHINSTONE," Captain C. Abbott, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2789

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "KOHINUR" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 2 P.M. of the 29th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited.
Consignees of cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2790

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd January, 1899, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [6

LADIES' DIRECTORY.

THE Publishers would be glad to receive ADDITIONS and CHANGES of ADDRESS TO-DAY.
DAILY PRESS OFFICE.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2772

SEND in Additions and Corrections for the CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY TO-DAY.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2773

THE Manager and Engineer of THE FOOCHOW TEA IMPROVEMENT CO., LTD will be disengaged in January. Is open to an engagement.
Apply by letter to "60," Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [2762

WANTED.

A CAPABLE BUSINESS MAN to take charge of a Raw Silk and/or Silk Piece Goods Business in Yokohama.
Reply to "ROBISON & CO.," Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2774

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB will produce a Pantomime entitled, THE YELLOW DWARF, or HARLEQUIN, THE KNAVE OF HEARTS, and the FAIR PRINCESS.
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THURSDAY, 5th January, 1899.
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Doors open each evening at 8 P.M. Performance at 8.30 Precisely.
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Late Trams to the Peak a quarter of an hour after full of the curtain.
E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2650

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 7, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY, the 29th of December, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1898.
LÜTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [2718

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING, AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL INSTALMENT of $30 per Share on the Shares in above Company becomes due on the Thirty-first day of December next, and payment thereof must be made to the Bankers of the Company, viz., the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before that date.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 30th November, 1898. [2553

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the Powers Conferred by the Special Resolution passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897, the Undersigned General Managers did on the 30th day of November, 1898, make a FINAL CALL of $5.00 per Share on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such resolution and a FINAL CALL of $5.00 on account of the premium for each such Share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st January, 1899.
Upon payment of such Calls and Production of the Certificates for the Shares in respect of which the same are paid, fully paid up Certificates will be issued in exchange for provisional scrips.
Dated the 1st December, 1898.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
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Hongkong, 24th November, 1898. [2519

NAVY LEAGUE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League will take place in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th December, 1898, at 5.15 P.M.
E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary *pro tem.*
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2778

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at 5 for 5.30 P.M., precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2783

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Private interviews will be given between 1 and 3 P.M.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [2787

AUCTIONS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 565.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th day of DECEMBER, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.
By Command,
T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [2739

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th day of DECEMBER, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N. & W.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.			$	$
1	Rural Building Lot No. 91	Barker Road	338	197.5	111	25,755	148		3,084

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 29th December, 1898, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, No. 8A, Queen's Road Central,
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TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [2763

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [2720

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898. [2753

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [2749

NAVY LEAGUE.

DINNER TO LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

A DINNER will be given to LORD CHARLES BERESFORD by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY, the 3rd of January, 1899, at 8 P.M. All Members and Associates who wish to be present are requested to send in their names to the Undersigned as soon as possible.
E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary *pro tem.*
Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2777

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ARRIVALS.

Dec. 26, TAIYUAN, British steamer, 2,000, R. Nelson, Kobe 21st December, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 26, GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,714, Möller, Saigon 20th December, Rice.—JEBSEN & Co.
Dec. 26, BORMIDA, Italian steamer, 1,499, G. Delanga, Singapore 17th Dec., General.—CARLOWITZ & Co.
Dec. 27, KOHINUR, British steamer, 1,935, H. Elliot, Calcutta 7th December, Penang 14th, and Singapore 18th, Opium and General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Dec. 27, OSLO, Norwegian str., 778, Chr. Pedersen, Tamsui 25th December, General.—M. A. A. DE SOUZA & Co.
Dec. 27, ASTRID, Norw. str., 975, F. Elligers, Hongay 24th Dec., Coal.—SANDER, WIELER & Co.
Dec. 27, HAILAN, French steamer, 377, Bast, Pakhoi 25th Dec., General.—A. R. MARTY.
Dec. 27, ARIEL, Norwegian str., 994, Rafen, Canton 27th Dec., General.—CHINESE.
Dec. 27, PLOVER, British gunboat, Capt. C. V. de M. Cowper, Iloilo 22nd December.
Dec. 27, DR. HANS J. KEAR, Norw. str., 691, Leubryggen, Tamsui 25th Dec., Ballast.—OSTASIATISCHE HANDELS-GESELLSCHAFT.
Dec. 27, LOYAL, German str., 1,237, Lorenzen, Iloilo 21st Dec., Sugar and Wood.—CARLOWITZ & Co.
Dec. 27, JASON, British steamer, 1,613, W. C. Lycett, Singapore 17th Dec., and Hoihow 26th, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 27, MONGKUT, British str., 859, A. S. Calder, Saigon 21st Dec., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 27, TSINTAU, German str., 977, A. Bendixen, Rotterdam 29th Oct., Coals.—JEBSEN & Co.
Dec. 27, TATEGAMI MARU, Japanese str., 2,668, Tornoe, Nagasaki 22nd December, Coal.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Dec. 27, OMI MARU, Japanese str., 1,533, A. E. Moses, Nagasaki 23rd Dec., General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

CLEARANCES.

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DEPARTURES.

Dec. 25, IOLANI, Hawaiian bark, for New York.
Dec. 26, CHOYSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 27, C. H. KIAN, British str., for Amoy.
Dec. 27, HUNAN, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 27, WHAMPOA, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 27, LYEEMOON, German str., for Canton.
Dec. 27, IMMORTALITE, British cr., for a cruise.
Dec. 27, MIIKE MARU, Jap. str., for Bombay.
Dec. 27, MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 27, MALACCA, British str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 27, BELGIC, British str., for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Taiyuan*, from Kobe, Mrs. Nelson.
Per *Germania*, from Saigon, 100 Chinese.
Per *Kohinur*, from Calcutta, &c., Mr. Jno. O'Donnell, Jemadar Najid Ali and wife, Jemadar Rung Shah, H.K.R., and 473 Chinese.
Per *Omi Maru*, from Nagasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Thistlethwayte, Mr. and Mrs. Yeitaki, Japanese Consul for Sydney, Mr. G. Kinchi.

DEPARTED.

Per *Belgic*, for Manila, Capt. C. C. Cornwell, U.S.N., Lieuts. Vreeland, U.S.N., J. H. Bull, U.S.N., C. E. Fox, U.S.N., A. P. Niblack, U.S.N., P. W. Hourigan, U.S.N., Messrs. H. Peterson, U.S.N., W. L. Littlefield, U.S.N., J. P. Morton, U.S.N., Jas. Donald, U.S.N., Dr. Jas. Houghton, U.S.N., Capt. Denny, Dr. Ed. Bedloe, Mrs. H. Peterson, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Flavel and Misses (2) Flavel, Mrs. and Miss Fiske, Miss H. Jenney, Mrs. Luce, Mrs. Doertenback and infant, Miss Lynwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hogge, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sheridan, Messrs. Geo. Armstrong, H. Hilton, Le Champion, L. Ladow, R. Leinau, W. T. Phillips, L. H. Phillips, A. J. Bower, C. E. Ellis, P. H. Reynolds, Rimerez, Rev. W. H. Lingle. For Singapore, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellinger, Mr. Whittier, Misses (2) Whittier, Major R. S. Stephen, Dr. Spotzier, Mr. A. J. David, Master David, and Mr. C. S. Graham.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

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KOWLOON DOCKS.—Isidoro Pons, H.I.G.M.S. Kaiser, Chw'nshan, H.I.G.M.S. Moeve, Gefion, and Kaiserin Augusta, Bygdo, Ask, H.M.S. Pigmy, Athenian, Heinan, Haiphong, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon, Amigo.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Pakshan, Hankow

TO-DAY.

Auction Crown Land, Barker Road, Rural Building Lot No. 91, 3 p.m.
Annual General Meeting Navy League, St. Andrew's Hall, 5.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Meeting Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Limited, noon.
Auction Ivory Carvings and Silver, at Sale Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2.30 p.m.
Auction Crown Land Whanchai Road, Bowrington (near Canal), Inland Lot 1,517, 3 p.m.

SALE OF GRIFFINS.

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DEATH.

At 5, Richmond Terrace, Hongkong, on the 24th December, MARY CONSTANCE, the beloved wife of Captain C. W. REILLY, R.A.M.C., and daughter of GEORGE ALLEN BETLIN, Esq., Westfield House, Branston, Northamptonshire, England. [2794

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, December 28th 1898.

As a nation we are prone to resent, and rightly so, any state interference with trade; nor, as a rule are we inclined to depend much upon state help in our commercial relations with other countries; but when we make up our minds that such state assistance is both desirable and necessary it then becomes every individual's business to see that we get it and are not put off with some substitute by a department of our Government which after all, has its being to further the progress of the people whose voice it is. Some time back there was a growing feeling that something must be done to bring the manufacturer and also the buyer of Chinese produce at home into closer relationship with the needs of his Chinese buyers in the one case and the source of his supplies in the other. The Blackburn Commission and Lord CHARLES BERESFORD's Mission are both the outcome of this feeling. It was also strongly urged that we should have a commercial attaché in China to gather information and to generally conduct a Bureau of Trade. The Government, feeling forced to do something in the face of this strong expression of public feeling, appointed the Consul-General in Shanghai to take up the duties of commercial attaché in addition to his other work, paying him an extra £100 a year for doing it. There is probably no one who would refuse to acknowledge that it is impossible for one man to conduct both offices in a satisfactory manner, no matter how industrious he might be; and it is not difficult to see which duties are the most likely to be shelved in the pressing needs of every day work. The deduction to be drawn from this state of things is that we should first of all decide, do we or do we not require a commercial attaché in China? and if the reply is in the affirmative—as it undoubtedly is, from the fact that the appointment was only made in deference to strong public representation—then see that we get a suitable man and pay him a sufficient salary. This would be more in accordance with our traditions than the present state of things, which is a disgrace to the Foreign Office who conceived it and the people in whose interests he appointment was made.

In using the term commercial attaché we perhaps commit the fault of using a French word where an English one would do, but it is by no means our idea that a French interpretation should be put upon the duties attached to the post in question. What is required, and what we should insist on having, is a man thoroughly conversant with China and its language and with a natural bent for the subject he is to take up. He should have his head quarters at one of the principal ports—Shanghai would without doubt be the most suitable—and be in close correspondence with the various Consuls throughout China, over whom, in commercial matters, he would exercise certain control, sufficient at least to ensure the researches and efforts of those gentlemen being directed into the right and most profitable channels. All trade reports would be sent to him and a summary of the important points, as far as trade is concerned, made from them and placed, in a complete and readable form, at the disposal of merchants and manufacturers at home, who in their turn would be able to supply information and make suggestions, confident that in doing so their communications would receive attention and prompt reply, which under the present system is impossible. It is the experience of not a few merchants both at home and abroad to read through a Consular trade report and see that the import of woollens fell off 20 per cent., or the amount of cotton yarn increased by 10 per cent. over the previous year, and to accept the fact as being of a certain amount of interest from an abstract point of view, but practically valueless. He (the merchant) has sold as much as he can and the fact of the increase or decrease cannot affect him in any way; and, moreover, if he is of an enquiring turn of mind and has time to go through all the trade reports he will probably find that the increase or decrease as the case may be is perhaps due at the special port reported on to the raising or lowering of provincial taxation on that trade route. In the case of buyers of exports the difficulty of obtaining the required information frequently stops what would otherwise prove profitable business. We now have before us a letter which has been following one of our Consuls about China for the best part of a year, as it was known by the firm at home that the Consul in question was familar with, and, in fact, had made a study of the product about which they were desirous of getting information. Had this firm been able to write to such a department as we suggest should be established, the latest and fullest information on the subject would have been at once placed at their disposal, with the result that buyer and seller would have been brought together at least nine months earlier than was actually the case.

The Customs Returns do in a measure supply information such as that required by the firm above mentioned, but they cannot, from the nature of things, take the place of the returns which a commercial attaché would quickly have available for public information. The Customs Returns, valuable as they are, yet leave a good deal to be desired, as anyone can testify who has tried to ascertain from them how much of (say) Szechuen produce is an export to a foreign country, how much an export to Hongkong, and how much domestic trade. One of the first duties of the officer appointed to the new department would be to summarize these Returns and show at a glance what was an export and what an import; to this he would add information, obtainable from other sources, showing the chief producing or buying centre of each. Produce of all kinds would to a large extent occupy his attention, but it would not be confined to the mere compiling of statistics. As an "official broker" his services would be invaluable. Nor need produce alone be dealt with; railway and mining concessions, the erection of public works in China as affording a scope for the profitable investment of British capital, would all be within his sphere.

We will not trespass on the reader's time and patience any longer by arguments which are a foregone conclusion. The need for a commercial attaché exists; an attempt has been made by the Foreign Office to supply the want, and it has failed. It now remains for us to see that the remedy is applied by the creation of a separate department and the appointment of a man to fulfil the duties required in it. The Chambers of Commerce, both at home and in the East, might with advantage give serious attention to this matter. An important point presenting itself for decision at the outset would be the principle on which the selection of the attaché should be made. Should we go to the Consular Service to find a man for the post, or try to secure one who has had a thorough commercial training, who understands business in its practical details, and whose sympathies and associations are with trade? Theoretically the latter would be the preferable, but we are at once confronted with the difficulty of finding a man possessing the qualifications we have mentioned and at the same time a knowledge of the Chinese language, without which his capacity for usefulness would be confined within narrower bounds than is desirable; and, furthermore, a mercantile man thoroughly suitable for the post would probably do better for himself in trade than by accepting a Government appointment with a fixed salary. The choice seems therefore to be confined to the Consular Service, and fortunately there are several members of that body who have given evidence of aptitude for the work. Mr. HOSIE's interest in the products of China is well known, and his report on Formosa issued some years ago and his more recent report on the products and resources of Kwangsi indicate him as an eminently suitable man for the proposed office. Mr. BOURNE has also contributed largely to our knowledge of the products of Western China. Some of the younger members of the Service are following in the steps of these pioneers and would be further encouraged to do so if ultimate appointment to the Bureau of Trade was held before them as amongst the prizes of the Service. If the Bureau should be established it is evident that the appointments in connection with it must be made by selection from amongst those who have shown special aptitude and cannot go by order of seniority.

H.M.S. *Powerful* is expected to leave Hongkong on Monday next for Amoy.

The following official telegram has been received from H.B.M. Minister, Japan:—"Medical inspection enforced in Japan against arrivals from Formosa."

The U.S. cruiser *Buffalo*, which left Philadelphia early last month for Suez and Manila, had to return to Newport disabled. On Nov. 16th she was being towed round to New York for repairs.

A telegraphic dispatch received at Shanghai by the local mandarins from N. Kinchou, outside the Great Wall, reports that General Sung Ch'ing, Commandant of the Wuyi Army Corps of 30,000 men, left that city on the 19th instant for Shanhaikuan with the bulk of his forces. This last-named post has been chosen by the Empress Dowager to be General Sung Ching's headquarters in her grand scheme to surround Peking with a quarter of a million of foreign-equipped troops to oppose invasion from Manchuria or the Gulf.—*N. C. Daily News.*

On the 16th December two gunpowder magazines exploded at Hangchow, and the concussion was felt at Sicawei, some 150 miles distant, at 6.43 p.m. The Director at Sicawei, not having heard of the explosion at the time, attributed the trembling of the ground to an earthquake. There were two shocks at Sicawei, one lasting five and the other fifteen seconds. The damage done at Hangchow was immense. The American Presbyterian Mission (South) premises were shattered, as were those of the Roman Catholic Mission, while houses five miles distant had the ceilings fall and the floors forced up.—*Union.*

A Nanking dispatch states as follows:—"H.E. Viceroy Liu has reappointed the expectant sub-prefect Yu Cheng-hsiang to the post of deputy in the Nanking Bureau of Foreign Affairs, owing to the increased degree of intercourse the Viceroy has with the high officials of various nations, especially those from Great Britain. Sub-Prefect Yu is a very good English scholar and well-acquainted with foreign matters." With reference to the above the *N. C. Daily News* says it is, perhaps, not generally known that Sub-Prefect Yu Cheng-hsiang's "other name" or *alias* is "Yu Sui-wan," and he was at one time a clerk in a solicitor's office in Hongkong, which place he had to leave suddenly owing to the desire of the Hongkong police to make a better acquaintance with him. Yu Sui-wan then came north and joined the Viceregal service in Nanking. During the late war with Japan Yu was sent down to Shanghai to try, on behalf of the Viceroy, several alleged spies, both Japanese and Chinese, the tortures which he brought to bear on his victims being so cruel that it will be remembered a general protest was made in the local Press at the time. Sir Nicholas Hannen, then Consul-General here, taking this into account as well as the record Yu held in Hongkong as a fugitive from justice, actually refused to have any dealings with the man and wrote to the Viceroy Liu about the objections foreigners in general had to his Excellency's foreign deputy. The result was that Yu was removed from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs. Nearly four years having now passed it is perhaps thought at Nanking that Yu's antecedents have been forgotten.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 25th December.

THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN LOAN.

Russia has declined the terms of the United States for a loan.

SPAIN.

General Sagasta is suffering from pulmonary catarrh and his condition is causing anxiety. Spanish Stocks are falling.

FRANCE.—THE INDO-CHINA RAILWAYS LOAN.

The Senate has passed the Indo-China railway loan.

ANNEXATION OF AN ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC BY THE UNITED STATES.

American war-ships have been ordered to take possession of Wake Island in the Pacific.

THE TRANSVAAL.

There is much indignation amongst the Uitlanders at Johannesburg owing to the shooting of a European by the Boer policemen. A meeting held by the Britishers led to a scuffle with the Boers and sticks were freely used. The meeting adopted a petition to the Queen praying for justice.

CRICKET.

UNITED SERVICES V. HONGKONG C.C.

Played on Saturday and Monday. Scores:—

THE OLD.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
T. Sarcombe Smith, b Whitt	22	b Lethbridge	11
R. Hancock, c Egerton, b Vallings	18	c sub., b Vallings	119
A. G. Ward, b Vallings	1	c White, b Vallings	21
A. R. Lowe, b White	4	b Bedwell	19
C. M. G. Burnie, run out	0	st Egerton, b White	1
E. Mast, c Wall, b Vallings	20	absent	—
P. A. Cox, b White	3	b White	14
Dr. Atkinson, c Strong, b Vallings	1	c Strong, b Vallings	4
W. H. Howard, c Jellicoe, b Vallings	12	c Lethbridge, b Vallings	19
K. W. Mounsey, c and b Vallings	3	b Powlett	1
J. H. Mody, not out	1	not out	4
Byes	4	Byes	9
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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Maid.	Runs.	Wides.	NB.	Wickets.
Vallings	16.3	6	43	—	—	6
J. Strong	5	1	16	—	—	—
White	11	2	29	—	—	3
Lethbridge	2	1	2	—	—	—

Second Innings.

Vallings	21	4	54	—	—	4
Lethbridge	20	5	83	—	—	1
White	7	1	24	—	—	2
Bedwell	7	1	30	—	—	1
Powlett	11.3	4	22	—	—	1

UNITED SERVICES.

H. Bedwell, R.N., b Lowe	58
G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., c Cox, b Burnie	41
Lt. Powlett, R.N., c Mody, b Lowe	111
Capt. Langhorne, R.A., b Hancock	89
J. Strong, R.M.L.I., b Lowe	1
Lt. Lethbridge, K.O.R., c and b Hancock	10
Capt. Jellicoe, R.N., b Hancock	2
Lt. White, R.N., not out	16
Mr. Wall, R.N., b Hancock	5
Rev. G. R. Vallings } did not bat *	
Lt. Egerton, R.N. } did not bat *	
Extras	21
Total	360

* Innings closed.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maid.	Runs.	Wides.	N.B.	Wickets.
S. Smith	24	3	105	—	—	—
Howard	13	6	22	—	—	—
Lowe	23	6	96	—	—	3
Mast	4	1	10	—	—	—
Burnie	10	1	53	—	—	1
Cox	8	—	34	—	—	—
Mody	4	1	10	—	—	—
Hancock	5.2	1	12	—	—	4

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H. A. L. steamer *Dorothea Rickmers*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th and may be expected here on or about the 30th instant.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Shanghai at 7.30 a.m. on Monday, the 26th instant, and left at 5 p.m. on same day for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 10 p.m. on the 27th instant.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Empress of China* left Shanghai on the 26th instant, at 9 a.m., for Hongkong, and is due here to-day, the 28th instant.

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Gabriel Grogtub	Landlord of the Cat Head — Sergt. Wells R.M.L.I.
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Capt. of the "Nonsuch"	G. Bagstone
" " " "Triton"	J. M. Smith
" " " "Horrible"	J. Brown
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Officer of the Court	H. White
1st Blue Jacket	1st and 2nd Growlers — J. Dawson
2nd " "	J. Whiting
3rd " "	J. Bowes
4th " "	G. Crystal
Corporal of Marines	F. Ross
Signalman	A. Ingersoll
Boatswain's Mate	E. Davies
Hannibal Snell	Marine sentry and twin brother to Hannah — S. Dayne
Timothy Slack, A.B.	An honest tar in love with Hannah — R. Atloe
Hannah Snell	Garbaid at the Cat Head—The pride of Gosport Hard and afterwards a private in Royal Marines — W. Haynes
Miss Fore Stay	Southsea girls — T. Saunders
Miss Main Stay	A. Denny
Miss Back Stay	G. Backham
Wm. O'Shea	Ptes. Marines — W. Oldfield
Thos. O. Connor	J. Davis
M. O. Flannaghan	F. Rose

On Monday evening at the Theatre Royal the dramatic company of H.M.S. *Powerful* appeared in a nautical burlesque of three acts entitled "H.M.S. *Missfire*, or Change Rounds," the proceeds being in aid of the naval charities. There was a large attendance. Every seat in the dress circle had been bespoken, whilst downstairs dozens of persons had to content themselves with standing room. Among those before whom the company had the honour of performing were Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia, Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., Admiral Seymour, Lady Blake, Major-General Gascoigne, and Sir John Carrington.

The story, the period of which is in the middle of the 18th century, deals with the love affairs of an honest tar who goes by the commonplace name of Timothy Slack, and Hannah Snell, the buxom barmaid of the Cat Head. The first scene represents the exterior of the Cat Head, Gosport Hard, Portsmouth. A number of sailors are seated at different tables imbibing from capacious flagons copious draughts of "nut brown" and discussing the approaching wedding of their shipmate and "the pride of Gosport Hard." One of them calls to mind the adage that "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip," and it transpires that Timothy has been absent from ship without leave for several days and is thus liable to be seized and thrown into durance vile. That such a calamity may be avoided all his shipmates are anxious, but Gabriel Grogtub, the well-fed landlord of the Cat Head, and Lieutenant De Robinson-Brown-Smith-Jones are Timothy's evil genii. Grogtub is perturbed at the idea of losing the girl, the beer at the Cat Head, apparently, not being good enough of itself to draw custom, whilst the Lieutenant, an amorous old salt, has his eye on Hannah himself. Meeting her alone outside the inn he ogles her in the most approved fashion, and endeavours to entice her from her love by saying that "Timothy will only go abroad and leave you here; you had better come straight to me, my dear." His blandishments, however, fall on a deaf ear, and he accordingly waxes wroth and swears to be revenged. He knows that Timothy is staying at the Cat Head, and is also aware of his delinquency, so he conceives a plan of having him arrested, so that the day which should have seen him married would see him safe and sound in the guard room on board his ship. Grogtub becomes a party to the conspiracy, which for the time being works out successfully. While the lovers and their friends are enjoying a song and dance the Lieutenant appears on the scene followed by the picket, and "pointing his bony finger" at Timothy tells them that there is their man. Thus ends the first Act. In Act 2 we are introduced to the quarter-deck of H. M. S. *Missfire*, the sailors being busily engaged in cleaning the decks and polishing the metal, for in the eyes of the Captain to leave a speck of dust on deck is a heinous offence. The first Lieutenant, being a man troubled with chronic biliousness, makes his appearance, and out of "pure cussedness" determines to make the men wait half-an-hour longer than usual for dinner. Such a prospect causes consternation among the hungry tars, who, led by Timothy, at once have their revenge by damaging the paint with the view of injuring the Lieutenant in the eyes of their fastidious Captain. During the hubbub the Captain appears and is struck dumb by what meets his gaze. Everywhere the erstwhile beautifully-painted woodwork is one mass of patches. Sternly he enquires for the offender. Timothy is brought forward and placed under arrest. Thus ends Act 2. The first scene in Act 3 shows the Court-Martial room, where Timothy is sentenced to death, and in the next we see the cells with the sentry walking to and fro. The sentry is twin brother to Hannah, and they are so much alike that even their own mother could hardly tell "th' tother fro which." Taking advantage of this resemblance Hannah has persuaded her brother to hand over his charge to her, and she accordingly appears in the full rig of a marine. She releases Timothy from his cell and they arrange to made a bid for freedom during the hubbub caused by the expected visit of the Admiral, the susceptible Lieutenant to be kept out of the way by some Southsea girls who had come aboard for the purpose. At first all works well, and the pair are on the point of clearing away when the Lieutenant espies them and commands them to be brought forward. At this point the Admiral appears and opportunely recognises Timothy as the man who had saved his life a few days before. He enquires into the charge against his preserver, and the nefarious dealings of the wicked old Lieutenant coming to light that worthy is deprived of his rank, a blow which causes his complete collapse, whilst the honest tar whose downfall he has schemed for is promoted and, what is more, has not his wedding day delayed after all.

Throughout the piece songs and dances were introduced and so much were these appreciated that encores were frequent, though, of course, many of them could not be responded to. Several local hits were introduced, that much-abused institution the Hongkong Post Office coming in for a few hard knocks, one of the jokes at its expense having reference to a letter from the city to the Peak which was a week before it reached its destination. The desecration of Glenealy is also touched upon. Then at the end of a topical song by Mr. A. J. Lintern (who impersonated the "First Lord of the Admiralty") came the following reference to Prince Henry, a reference which was received with loud applause:—

One word before I end my song,
To welcome here in fair Hongkong,
A descendant of our gracious Queen,
The Sailor Prince, of course, I mean.
We welcome him! may he always be
Found playing with the Royal Navee.

The performance concluded with a number of tableaux representative of the death of Nelson, during which Bandsman F. K. Watkins gave as a cornet solo the popular song dealing with the same subject. The tableaux were most realistic; whoever had the arranging of them is to be congratulated on the success of his efforts. Indeed the whole performance was exceedingly creditable to all concerned and showed that Lieut. Streatfield (the manager) and Mr. W. Sims (the stage manager) had done everything they possibly could to ensure success. No body of amateurs could have been brought to such a state of perfection without long and careful preparation. The scenery, an important matter in such a performance, was designed by Mr. J. Edward, Fleet Engineer, whose work gave the greatest satisfaction. Special mention should also be made of Bandmaster Schofield, by whom the music, which could not have been more appropriate, was arranged and written. Mr. Rea was accompanist.

With regard to the performers in the burlesque, Mr. W. Sims, as Lieutenant de Robinson-Brown-Smith-Jones, occupied a prominent place. He thoroughly identified himself with the part, being exoraciatingly funny. Sergeant Wells as Gabriel Grogtub was also very amusing. The part of the fastidious Captain Warmer could not have been in better hands than those of Mr. J. Compton. As the hero and heroine Mr. R. Atloe and Mr. W. Haynes were a great success, and Mr. A. J. Lintern (the secretary of the company) as First Lord of the Admiralty should also be mentioned.

The total receipts amounted to nearly $1,000.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LD.

The third ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the above Company was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Shanghai, on the 21st December, Mr. E. F. Alford presiding. There were also present Messrs. J. Prentice, A. McLeod, and Zoe Tee-san (Directors), C. S. Taylor (Secretary), J. M. Young, E. U. Smith, C. Dowdall, H. F. Henningsen, J. D. Clark, W. Lamond, Jun., Tong Kid-son, C. Buchanan, R. Inglis, W. J. Gresson, J. Korfoot, J. Valentine, J. F. Rodewald, W. A. Cruickshank, E. R. Morriss, and E. R. Burdon, representing in all 4,685 shares. The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, I must ask you to excuse the delay which has occurred in posting the report but your auditor did not finish it until Monday, the 12th instant, and the gentleman who was looking after it fell ill last week and his work had to be gone over *de novo* by another. I will request you, as is customary, to take the report and accounts as read but before asking you to adopt them will endeavour to give you the fullest information as to the position of affairs. The condition of the cotton industry at this port during the year under review has lately become known to all. Commencing the year 1897-8 with the favourable results we had expected and with fair prospects for their continuance, we had, ere half through the year, to encounter abnormal prices for the raw article which failed to meet with reciprocal improvement or permanency in the yarn market and gradually brought about a period of absolute loss. In August the position of our working account was, that the profit made had disappeared and that after nine months' work with a stock of yarn of 4,000 bales taken at the then depreciated market price we came out just on the right side. From August to October, however, owing to continued further decline a debit was created, and deducting therefrom our commission as general managers we have a final debit balance of some Tls. 17,000. This adverse result I may mention would have been different had the capital been all paid up, as only Tls. 15,000 of interest pertains to working account, Tls. 10,000 being interest on advances in lieu of capital and the remaining Tls. 6,000 being for interest for money sunk in unproductive plant and buildings which might have been placed to these accounts instead of to interest account, in which it is included. Such an entry would have been legitimate, but the item not having been so treated we did not care to make the transfer simply to reduce the loss on working at the expense of a permanent addition to the cost of plant and buildings. On the other hand we have not written anything off for depreciation, though seeing the small number of spindles which have been running continuously the plant may safely be taken to be nearly as good as new. When addressing you last year I expressed a hope that we should have the 20,000 spindles required for the No. 1 mill out by January last. It was a hope, I regret to say, which proved a disappointment, and owing to the intervention of the strike at home you will observe from the printed report that even now we have not these final 20,000 spindles completed or at work, though we have done all in our power to expedite shipment, delivery, and erection. As regards cost the aggregate of mill No. 1 with land and offices will reach something over 13 lakhs, but given full equipment, the best machinery, and first-class buildings, I do not think this need be considered unusually high. The result of the past year's working is very different from what a year ago I hoped might be the case, for as already stated not only has the high price of China cotton been against us, but the tendency of markets has favoured India and Japan. You may reasonably ask, do these conditions continue or are they likely to recur? I think and hope not. A renewed demand for yarn set in some two months ago and experience of the local market for the raw material has not proved valueless. I will now take the accounts and touch on the larger items *seriatim*. Property Tls. 138,000 needs no remark. Buildings Tls. 360,000, of which Tls. 92,000 is expended on the new press warehouse and foundations for the No. 2 mill. Plant, Tls. 837,000, which will be increased by another lakh before the whole 50,000 spindles for No. 1 mill are thoroughly fitted. Cotton stock Tls. 113,000 is taken over at a lower basis than the value ruling to-day. Yarn stock Tls. 305,000 all sold excepting 1,100 bales before the valuation was taken, so the result will be neither better nor worse. Sundry debtors Tls. 42,000, principally six day native bank orders, since matured and collected. On the other side we have capital the original 10,000 shares plus 124 new shares all fully paid up, and 4,876 new shares on which Tls. 25 per share has only so far been called up. Then there is an item of some seven lakhs due to our firm, and Tls. 23,000 of accounts payable, which consists chiefly of interest accrued and not paid at the date of account. I have already mentioned the No. 1 mill with the land and offices will cost over thirteen lakhs, which you will observe exceeds the original capital of one million by more than two lakhs, a deficiency supplied from the seven lakhs supplied by my firm. I mentioned last year that the money derivable from the new issue of shares would suffice for this year's requirements, but we have as yet taken no steps towards balance of calls leviable on the new shares, nor have we proceeded with the debenture issue authorised, being content so far to provide all necessary funds ourselves. For the present the matter had better thus rest. As regards the No. 2 mill the amounts so far expended on press warehouse and foundations amounts, as I have already mentioned, to Tls. 92,000. When we entered on the negotiations for new machinery we found the makers full of work and asking higher prices, added to which there came news of further delay in delivery of the balance of spindles for the No. 1 mill, a delay so very inconvenient that the board determined they would not further consider the question of extension until the No. 1 mill was completed. We had contracted for the press warehouse, as it was needed and it was a welcome addition for storage purposes. The outlay thus incurred, some Tls. 12,000, is not therefore entirely unproductive, the only unproductive outlay being the foundations of the No. 2 mill, but we need not regret this, for progress will now be made and I hope with success. Gentlemen, we have gone through a season of much difficulty and anxiety, but the difficulties are, I think, disappearing, and your anxieties may lessen. We have effected economies in wages, and improvements in production and we can at least claim that we have entered on a new year's working, making something to the good. The cotton industry is not dead. It is only in its infancy, and whilst I am disappointed at the circumstances of the year past, I look with confidence to the result of the years to come. I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

No questions being asked,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts for the past year.

Mr. A. MACLEOD seconded and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Mr. E. U. SMITH proposed the re-election of Messrs. J. Prentice, A. Macleod, Tafoong, and Zoe Tee-san, together with the senior representative of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., as directors.

Mr. HENNINGSEN seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. J. D. CLARK proposed the re-election of Mr. Wingrove as auditor for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Lamond, junior, seconded and the appointment was confirmed.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, unanimously seconded on the proposition of Mr. J. D. Clark.—*N. C. Daily News.*

THE NORDDEUTSCHER-LLOYD'S NEW MAIL CONTRACT.

The German *Official Gazette* publishes the new treaty between the Imperial Government and the Norddeutscher Lloyd in connection with the subsidised lines of steamers to East Asia and Australia. The new treaty is to last for a period of fifteen years, to begin on April 1, 1899. During that time a line of steamers is to be run (1) from Bremerhaven or Hamburg to China (calling at a Netherland or Belgian port, at Genoa, Naples, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Hongkong, and Shanghai); (2) from Bremerhaven or Hamburg to Japan. This latter line, which takes the same route as the former one till Hongkong is reached, then goes from Hongkong to Yokohama and returns *via* Hyogo and Nagasaki to Hongkong; (3) a branch line which is to leave Hongkong as soon as the Japan steamer has arrived to go to Shanghai; (4) a branch line from Singapore to the German territory of New Guinea, *via* Batavia and other Sunda harbours, Berlinhafen, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Stephansort, Finchhaven, Langemats Bay, Herbertshöh, Matupi; (5) also a short line of steamers is to run between Bremerhaven and Australia, calling at a Netherland or Belgian harbour as well as at Genoa, Naples, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. The Norddeutscher Lloyd also is obliged to run its East Asiatic steamers to Kiao-chow as soon as the Imperial Government wishes it, for which a subsidy will be paid. The speed of the steamers is to be at sea—on the East Asiatic lines 10 to 14 knots; on the New Guinea Line 9 knots; and on the Australian Line 12.2 to 13.5 knots.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, November.

The Fashoda fever is rapidly going down, thanks to British energy having resolved to stand no more nonsense. Major Marchand and his men are packing up, preparatory to packing off; the route of departure is immaterial so long as the "explorers" quit Egyptian territory. Then it is always good tactics to build a golden bridge for a retreating adversary. The French now perceive that their Fashoda intrigue has missed fire, and before the united stand of England, the fiasco had to be renounced. The aim of the venture was not to secure river transporting privileges, as these already exist for all the world, but a block on the Nile to put an end to the civilising schemes of England of a railway from Cairo to Cape-town, where the French would be quite as welcome to utilise its trading advantages as everyone else—but nothing more. Now England turns over a new leaf, and that was much needed with France, and will place their relations on a natural footing, because it is sweeping away the meddling diplomacy of Britain, and letting France and the world witness she will henceforth reply to the system of pin-sticking by the use of her boot.

Persons who do not obtain what they want are rarely pleased. This explains why the French, having been locked out of Egypt at the Fashoda back door, continue to call the gods and men to witness how they have been treated, after years of diplomatic amity, where England received all the kicks and every bobittlement. She has now drawn herself up, and shaken off the wretched system of studying the situation of others before her own. France will hang up the Fashoda tyranny of Britain, along with other revenges, in her closet. Time will be on the side of France as on that of everyone else. But France and the world has just been given an object lesson of the strength and unity of the British Empire, of its leaps and bounds in the paths of civilisation. It has allies, too: these Russia must count with, as her catch-trap plan for the disarming of nations is out of tune with her grabbing of territories in Northern China. The French discuss the possibility of making friends with Germany; that would be, they conclude, a home thrust for English interests. Germany has not much solid support in decaying Austria and bankrupt Italy, and it is not to France she would be inclined to look for general help or compensation. The French seem also to derive consolation from the stage threat of "raising the entire Egyptian," whatever that may mean. If it were a panacea for France, and were it practicable, France can resort to such means at once. It would hasten the advent of the British Protectorate over Egypt, and bring the latter into line with Tunisia, Madagascar, &c. To fight the English out of Egypt—that is the question. France has just shown she will not be the cat, and the European concert, after bundling the integrity of Turkey out of Crete, is not going to re-establish it for France in Egypt. Besides, every one is free to live, trade, and have his being in the Nile Valley, and the French holders of Egyptian Bonds constitute a legion which defends the British occupation of that realm, as well as the red coats.

What, the French ask, is, then, the meaning of Britain arming up? Doubtless the same motive which actuates the French to do likewise—be ready for squalls from every quarter, and especially from that head centre of peace—Russia. The latter is fairly abused for playing the good Samaritan to France in the Fashoda ill-worked intrigue, without the oil and the two-pence. Hang up alliances if that be all the help they give. The French again complain of the poor Dons being fleeced by the Americans. The vanquished and their friends are never satisfied when beaten. America has acted wisely by retaining the Philippines; let her, like England, on whose aid she can ever count, be a cosmopolitan power, have her foreign possessions everywhere she can, in order to expand and defend her trade. Spain is being badly advised, say cool heads here—(who are neither ex-ambassadors, old diplomatists, distinguished functionaries and other "Mrs. Harrises")—to resist the conditions of the United States; in the end the Iberian Peninsula will be torn to shreds by internal dissensions until finally she will disappear. The Spaniard and the Anglo-Saxon could never "sit like the two Kings of Brentford on one throne."

There is resigned tranquility to record respecting the Dreyfus scandal. The Cour de Cassation has resolved itself into a Committee of the whole house, fifteen members, who examine generals and war ministers, but with closed doors, as if plain citizens. The seal is taken off all lips, and the proof exacted of the Dreyfus guilt. No one knows exactly what has transpired inside the court, but as ex-ministers have been two to three hours under cross-examination, they must have either carts full of proofs to unload or find it very difficult to support their conclusion as to the culpability of Dreyfus. In the course of a week the court will pronounce the solution of the whole enigma. Colonel Picquart will be examined; he is expected to be the commentary on the evidence given by the war ministers and other high functionaries. General de Clam will also be an interesting figure to dissect and also some other officials. All must unbosom themselves before the fifteen judges.

Madame Bernhardt has very serious intentions of visiting the East, and the Far East also—but not this year, as she is lessee of the "Nations" theatre, one of the largest in the city, and at a rent of 100,000 fr. a year. If she only fits it up with the artistic taste she has expended on her present house, the Renaissance, she will win general applause. Next year her new venture will occupy all her time, and the following year will be 1900, when no public individual would dream of quitting Paris. As the grand Sarah intends to try and realise representations for the masses, she will likely create many surprises. She is very catholic in her professional tastes, and allied to no school or set. Her voyage in the East will occupy at least five months and Academician Pierre Loti will be her guide, philosopher, and friend.

Cremation has to encounter a new rival in the Anthropological Museum, which already contains the brains of many eminent individuals. The Museum accepts the skeletons of distinguished men. It has now two, that of Dr. Joseph Bertillon, father of Dr. Jacques Bertillon who figured in the Dreyfus trials on the forgery documents, on account of his labyrinthive plan to explain the writing. The father's skeleton is in a case in the Museum library, in accordance with his will. Now a journalist of some notoriety, Eugene Véron, and a writer on Sociology, having put in his ten years in the grave, the government, at the request of his widow, has allowed the remains to be exhumed and to be placed in the Anthropological Museum. The director, Dr. Manouvier, a few years ago delivered a lecture on Véron's brains; he now promises to lecture on the whole skeleton. May we be there to see what is the character of a confrère materially divested of brains. Since two weeks the skeleton has arrived in the Museum library, and of course is being treated to a certain toilette preparation. His widow intends to be present at the lecture. In Italy many persons after their death are petrified by a special process and become a veritable block of marble. Manzini, who died in 1872, has been thus "marbled" and is in the possession of a friend.

The young man Martin, aged 18, who murdered the dentist who employed him, last May, and then tried to kill the lady clerk, has been convicted with attenuating circumstances and transported for life. The crime was committed in full daylight, on the second story of a large house on the Boulevard de Poissonnière. The Assassin perpetrated the crime to rob his employer and have money for dissipation, especially in betting on race horses. The lady clerk was witness of the crime, so he decided to suppress her, and nearly did so. Curious; when Martin was engaged, the lady said she did not like him as "he had the hands of an assassin." She appeared in court, when the prisoner fell on his knees and implored her forgiveness. She would accord that if the judge believed in the sincerity of the prayer

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from the *Rangoon Gazette*:—

FATAL POLO ACCIDENT.

Bombay, 9th December.

A fatal accident happend last evening on the Poona polo ground while the officers of the Poona Horse and the 1st Bombay Lancers were playing a mixed game.

During the play the ponies of Colonel H. R. D. Thomas and Lieutenant R. H. Raymond collided with great force and rolled over dashing the riders to the ground. Colonel Thomas received severe contusions on the face, arm and back, but Lieutenant Raymond was found to be unconscious and bleeding profusely from the nostril and one of his ears.

Medical assistance was summoned. Doctors Swinton and Heffernan bound up the wounds and a dhooley being procured Mr. Raymond was carried to the Sassoon Hospital, where it was found the base of the skull was fractured. He never recovered consciousness and died at seven o'clock last evening.

Colonel Thomas had his wounds dressed and was driven home. Both officers were well-known polo players and belonged to the Poona Horse.

HUMANE SOCIETY'S MEDALS FOR P. & O. OFFICERS.

Bombay, 9th December.

Mr. Burke, Chairman of the Port Trust, on Wednesday evening presented to Mr. Reginald R. Dolton, Second Officer of the P. and O. Steamer *Peshawur*, and Mr. William Cranefield, of the *Chusan*, silver medals and an engrossed scroll on behalf of the Australian Humane Society for gallantry displayed whilst they were serving on board the *Valetta* when that vessel succeeded in rescuing a large number of the passengers and crew of the ill-fated steamer *Sultan* which foundered in the Arabian Sea on 10th June, 1897, during which they ran the risk of being washed overboard or crushed against the ship's side. The total number of people who were saved by the plucky and gallant conduct of these officers and their men was 125.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER.

Calcutta, 9th December.

A sharp engagement between the Mad Fakir and the Nawab's lashkar is reported to have occurred on the 6th, the Nawab losing seventeen men but repulsing the Fakir, who afterwards retired across the river. This last, however, requires confirmation.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Japanese steamer *Tategami Maru*, from Nagasaki 22nd Dec., had moderate to fresh breeze and fine weather.

The British steamer *Taiyuan*, from Kobe 21st Dec., had fine clear weather with light variable winds from Kobe to port.

The British steamer *Jason*, from Singapore 15th Dec., and Hoihow 26th, had strong N.E. monsoon with high sea and occasional heavy rain squalls.

The British steamer *Kohinur*, from Calcutta 7th Dec., Penang 14th, and Singapore 18th, had heavy rain squalls for two days; strong monsoon and high seas all the way to port.

The British steamer *Mengkui*, from Saigon 21st Dec., had strong N.E. wind and rough sea from 21st to 23rd. From 23rd to 26th, lat. 13 N. to 19 N., experienced moderate to fresh N.N.E. gales with high head and cross sea; from thence to port fresh N.E. wind and moderate sea.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE FAR EAST.

Per P. & O. steamer *Himalaya*, connecting with the steamer *Bengal*, at Colombo, from London, Dec. 1.—To Straits, China and Japan: Lieut.-Col. Sir Charles Mitchell, G.C.M.G., Lady Mitchell, Dr. and Mrs. Freer and child, Miss Wyllie, Mr. W. D. P. Watson, Miss Annie F. Napier, Mr. L. Hirsch, Colonel and Miss Wood, Miss Elam and friend, Mrs. R. B. Scott, Mr. Raeburn Scott, Mr. Killingworth Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Massingberd, Mrs. Ferguson and 3 children, Capt. J. H. P. Parker, Mr. R. Aston, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill and 2 children, Mr. J. MacC. McReay, Mr. W. H. Law, Mr. J. E. Bishop, Mrs. W. Douglas, Miss Davidson, Mr. W. L. Carter, Mr. R. Ray, Mr. Chope, Mr. M. D. Daly, Miss Parkin, Mr. J. W. Stocks, Mr. A. Stenson, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. D. Munro, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lauer, Miss Malden. From Marseilles, Dec. 8.—Mr. F. W. Barker, Sir C. R. S. Payne, Lady Payne, Mr. O. Kelly, Mr. Cyrus Smith. From Brindisi, Dec. 11.—Mr. H. Schmidt.

Per P. & O. steamer *Manila*, from London, Dec. 10.—To Straits, China and Japan: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart-Smith and child, Mr. R. A. Eddie.

Per P. & O. steamer *Oriental*, connecting with the steamer *Ballaarat*, at Colombo, from London, Dec. 15.—To Straits, China and Japan: Mr. and Mrs. A. Cumming and 2 children, Mr. W. J. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson: Mr. P. S. Laurie, Mr. C. de Rongemont, Rev. J. S. MacKnight. From Marseilles, Dec. 22.—Mr. D. S. Carmichael. From Port Said, Mr. H. Critien, Mr. G. H. Potts.

Per P. & O. steamer *Britannia*, connecting with the steamer *Coromandel*, at Colombo, from London, Dec. 29.—To Straits, China and Japan: From Marseilles, Jan. 5.—Mr. John Whitehead, Mr. Tod.

Per P. & O. steamer *Nankin*, from London, Dec. 31.—To Straits, China and Japan: Mr. P. L. Spence, Miss Johnson.

Per P. & O. steamer *Oceana*, connecting with the steamer *Parramatta*, at Colombo, from London, Jan. 12.—To Straits, China and Japan: Miss Duthoit, Miss L. Saville, Miss Hellyer. From Marseilles, Jan. 19.—Mr. A. Moir, Mr. Baness, Mr. M. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Tutcher, Rev. and Mrs. A. Foster and 2 children, Rev. Dr. Booth, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hodge.

Per P. & O. steamer *Canton*, from London, Jan. 14.—To Straits, China and Japan: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barff and child, Rev. F. T. Johnson.

Per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Laos*, from Marseilles, Nov. 27.—To Yokohama: Mr. Thibaudier. To Shanghai: Mr. Fitzhenry.

Per Messageries Maritimes *Australien*, connecting with the steamer *Laos*, at Colombo, from Marseilles, Dec. 4.—To Yokohama: Mr. and Mrs. Okabane. To Shanghai: Mr. L. Arnavon. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Liebert.

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WM. SCHMIDT & CO.,
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Hongkong, 18th October, 1898. [2468

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Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—
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VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON	SUMATRA, Wickenden	About 29th December	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	PARRAMATTA, C. F. Preston, R.N.R.	Noon, 7th January	See Special Advertisement.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	ROSETTA, E. P. Bishop	5 P.M., 7th January	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Inland Sea)
SHANGHAI	BENGAL, S. Burcham	About 7th January	Freight or Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	SOCOTRA, T. H. Hide, R.N.R.	About 12th January	Freight. (Passing through the Inland Sea)
LONDON	JAPAN, G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 19th January	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [1

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
OMI MARU, A. E. Moses	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
RIOJUN MARU, J. W. Ekstrand	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., v. KOBE, YOKOHAMA, and VICTORIA, B.C.	SATURDAY, 31st December, at NOON.
HAKATA MARU, F. L. Sommer	MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 5th January, at 4 P.M.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [11

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., 1899
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 15th Feb., 1899
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 15th Mar., 1899

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS in a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [8

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD (FREIGHT SERVICE). HAMBURG AMERICA LINE. (EAST ASIATIC SERVICE).

(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, LONDON, OPORTO, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, PORTS in the LEVANTE; BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.	
* s.s. HEIDELBERG, Capt. Schäder	HAVRE AND HAMBURG (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	31st December.	Freight and Passage.
* s.s. SIBIRIA, Capt. Hildebrandt	GENOA AND HAMBURG (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 5th January.	Freight and Passage.
s.s. ASTURIA, Capt. Hahn	HAMBURG AND ANTWERP (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 18th January.	Freight.
s.s. D. RICKMERS, Capt. Pape	HAVRE AND HAMBURG (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 10th February.	Freight and Passage.
s.s. SARNIA, Capt. Ehlers	HAVRE AND HAMBURG (London with transhipment in Hamburg)	About 15th February.	Freight.

* These steamers have superior accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at Naples for passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, etc., apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [1720

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
GLENOGLE	3,750	J. McGilliveay	Jan. 10
OLYMPIA	2,603	J. Trasbridge	Jan. 14
VICTORIA	3,502	J. Panton	Feb. 14
TACOMA	2,811	W. Smith	Feb. 25

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.

Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
COLUMBIA	2,654	A. Gow	Jan. 28
MON'SHIRE	2,874	W. A. Evans	Feb. 18
LENNOX	3,677	J. C. Williamson	March 11
COLUMBIA	2,654	A. Gow	April 15

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £17.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA, TACOMA, OR PORTLAND, £23.

The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA, TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to Other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [9

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON	Samatra	Brit. str.	Wickenden	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 29th inst.
LONDON	Japan	Brit. str.	Wright, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 19th Jan.
LONDON VIA SINGAPORE	Elphinstone	Brit. str.	Abbott	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	On 31st inst.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Hector	Brit. str.	Barr	Butterfield & Swire	To-day.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Glenavon	Brit. str.	Pithie	Jardine Matheson & Co.	On or about 29th inst.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Parramatta	Brit. str.	Preston, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cuppars	Melchers & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 9 A.M.
HARVE & HAMBURG	Heidelberg	Ger. str.	Schröder	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Dorothea Rickmers	Ger. str.	Pape	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 10th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	Sarnia	Ger. str.	Ehlers	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
HAMBURG & ANTWERP	Asturia	Ger. str.	Hahn	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 18th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Hakata Maru	Jap. str.	Sommer	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, &c.	Ernest Simons	Fren. str.	Maubange	Messageries Maritimes	On 31st inst., at Noon.
GENOA & HAMBURG	Sibiria	Ger. str.	Hildebrandt	Carlowitz & Co.	On or about 5th Jan.
VANCOUVER, v. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of China	Brit. str.	Archibald, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 18th Jan., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA	Glenogle	Brit. str.	McGillivray	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 10th Jan., at Noon.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c.	Columbia	Brit. str.	Gow	Dodwell Carlill & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SEATTLE, WINGTON, v. KOBE, &c.	Riojun Maru	Jap. str.	Ekstraand	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA S'HAI, &c.	Coptic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN	Aztec	Haw. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN	America Maru	Jap. str.		Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 14th Jan., at Noon.
SAN DIEGO VIA JAPAN	Carlisle City	Brit. str.		Butterfield & Swire	About 14th Jan., Noon.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Mogul	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 12th Jan.
NEW YORK	Tolani	Haw. bk.	McClure	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Rouse	Amer. ship.	Adams	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
Y'HAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	Rosetta	Brit. str.	Bishop	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th Jan., at 5 P.M.
Y'HAMA VIA NAGASAKI & KOBE	Socotra	Brit. str.	Hide, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 12th Jan.
KOBE DIRECT	Menmuir	Brit. str.	Schaws	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	Hangchow	Brit. str.	Pearce	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Bengal	Brit. str.	Burcham	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 7th Jan.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Haitan	Brit. str.	Roach	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	Sungkiang	Brit. str.	Dodd	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Taiyuan	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire	On 30th inst., at Noon.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Tsinan	Brit. str.	Ramsay	Butterfield & Swire	On 7th Jan., at 3 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, &c.	Omi Maru	Jap. str.	Moses	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
SOURABAYA & SAMARANG	Shantung	Brit. str.	Frampton	Butterfield & Swire	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	Bormida	Ita. str.	Delaya	Carlowitz & Co.	On 31st inst., at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR,"

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 28th inst.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1898. [2723

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

FOR KOBE DIRECT.

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR,"

Captain Schaws, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 28th inst., at NOON.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898. [2760

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIANG,"

Captain Dodd, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2724

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND LAUNCESTON.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., at NOON.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2680

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON SATURDAY, the 31st December, 1898, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "ERNEST SIMONS," Captain de Maubenge, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "ARMAND BEHIC," which vessel takes on her passengers and mails, leaving that port on the 12th January, 1899, direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 8 P.M. on the 30th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [2

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY,
having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.
Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BORMIDA,"

Captain Delaya, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., at NOON.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [6

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"MOGUL"

will be despatched as above on or about 12th January, 1899.

To be followed by the
S.S. "ENERGIA" sail about 19th Jan., 1899.
S.S. "PATHAN" do. 31st Jan., 1899.
S.S. "ARGYLL" do. 15th Feb., 1899.
S.S. "SIKH" do. 28th Feb., 1899.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898. [2621, 2466

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AZTEC (via Moji, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28, 1898, at NOON.
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	SATURDAY, Jan. 21, 1899, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 16, 1899, at NOON.
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (v. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu).	TUESDAY, Mar. 14, 1898, at NOON.

THE Steamship "AZTEC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA MOJI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th December, 1898, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [3

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON"

Captain W. Pithie, will be despatched as above on or about the 29th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [2588

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SOURABAYA AND SAMARANG.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd prox., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [2735

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TSINAN,"

Captain Ramsay, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 7th January, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [2744

FOR NEW YORK.

THE * 3/3 A. L. I. American Ship

"REUCE,"

Captain Adams, having arrived will load for above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1898. [2286

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP,
BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday...	4th Jan.
REUSSEN	Wednesday...	1st Feb.
SACHSEN	Wednesday...	1st March

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1899, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cuppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1898. [7

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 1899, at NOON.
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Feb. 7, 1899.
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, March 4, 1899, at NOON.

THE Steamship "AMERICA MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 14th January, 1899, at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [2370

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [18

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

COPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1899, at NOON.
GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Jan. 31, 1899, at NOON.
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 25, 1899, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "COPTIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 5th January, 1899, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1898. [4

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"PARRAMATTA,"

Captain C. F. Preston, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 7th JANUARY, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. [1

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "CARLISLE CITY," 3,002 Tons	About 14th January.
S.S. "CARMARTHENSHIRE", 2,929 Tons	About 15th February.
S.S. "BELGIAN KING", 3,379 Tons	About 15th March.

THE Steamship "CARLISLE CITY" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on or about SATURDAY, 14th January, at NOON.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in The United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, China, and Japan.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1898. [2403

FOR NEW YORK.

THE + 100 A.I. Hawaiian Bark

"IOLANI,"

McClure, Master, will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1898. [2539

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

UNITED STATES & CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"INDRANI"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, TO-MORROW.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 5th proximo, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [2757

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FROM MIDDLESBRO', LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain Vyvyan, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1898. [2781

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MALACCA,"

FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consign